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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter to simply state my support of the DOJ antitrust settlement involving Microsoft. The settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is fair and reasonable. The design of the settlement is to be beneficial to both the IT industry and the consumer alike, without unfairly attacking Microsoft.

It is essential that the DOJ resolve this issue swiftly. An exorbitant amount of American tax dollars have been spent just so that Microsoft's competitors could attack their opposition. This country is based on free enterprise, and it seems that the settlement already goes against the grain of that idea. To continue litigation would just mean a slow suffocation of laissez-faire principles.

As it is, Microsoft will have to give up software codes and intellectual property just to appease the DOJ, yet some jealous and selfish special interests would prefer to move on, even though this is clearly not in the public interest. I strongly recommend that all action at the federal level be stopped.

Sincerely,

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